



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1617"

DOCKET NO.: 211463US0PCT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/913,721
Applicants: Yoshio HIRAKI, et al.
Filing Date: August 17, 2001
For: SKIN PREPARATIONS FOR EXTERNAL USE
Group Art Unit: 1617
Examiner: Gina YU

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Our check in the amount of **-0-** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


J. Derek Mason, Ph.D.

Registration No. 35,270

Roland E. Martin

Registration No. 48,082



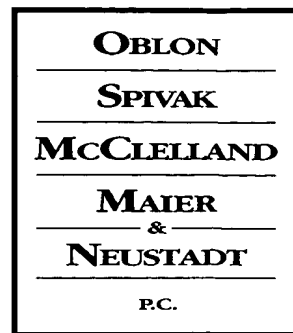
22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

JUL 10 2003

RECEIVED



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

J. DEREK MASON
(703) 413-3000
DMASON@OBLON.COM

ROLAND E. MARTIN
(703) 412-6243
RMARTIN@OBLON.COM
*BAR OTHER THAN VIRGINIA



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1617"

DOCKET NO.: 211463US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Yoshio HIRAKI et al

SERIAL NO: 09/913,721

FILED: August 17, 2001

FOR: SKIN PREPARATIONS FOR EXTERNAL USE

:

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1617

: EXAMINER: Gina YU

:

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

JUL 10 2003

RECEIVED

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed May 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Request for Reconsideration begins on page 6 of this paper.

please
enter
7/17/03
gry

